

### REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-11, 14-15 and 18-19 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Fabre. Claims 12, 13, 16, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fabre.

Claim 1 has been amended so as to clarify the claim and to overcome the Examiner's objection in this respect.

Additionally, in claim 1, the term "non-interengageable" has been added to qualify the elements. The claim as amended is patentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,895,456 (Fabre). The elements of Fabre are clearly interengageable and there is nothing in Fabre to lead one to a non-interengageable, easily collapsible configuration. The claimed invention is therefore structurally and operationally distinct from Fabre. In addition, the claimed invention has advantages over Fabre such as being easily disassembled no matter how it is assembled and being simpler in construction (since the facility of interengagement is not present).

Each of the remaining claims depends on claim 1 and is believed to be patentable over the Fabre patent for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, the claimed invention is not believed to be anticipated nor rendered obvious by Fabre and the Examiner's reconsideration of the

objections made in the Final Action in this respect is courteously solicited.

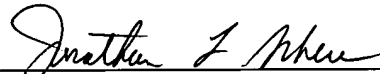
The Applicant also believes that, aside from Fabre's interengageability, Fabre is not inherently capable of the remainder of the claimed functions because of Fabre's configuration. In particular, the stacking of Fabre's elements without engaging elements together would be substantially limited due to the layout and size of its protrusions which would impede stacking whereas the claimed invention specifically includes the facility of the kind of stacking.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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